AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for screening ~~compounds~~ a compound useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising contacting a test compound *in vitro* with ~~a cell or a cell extract expressing Cks1 and Skp2~~ a reaction mixture comprising Skp2, p27, Cdk2 and Cks1; and detecting a change in Skp2 binding activity or Skp2 ubiquitin ligase activity, such that if a change in the binding activity or ubiquitin ligase activity of Skp2 is detected, then a compound useful for the treatment of proliferative or differentiative disorders is identified.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the change in Skp2-binding activity is detected by detecting a change in the binding of Skp2 with either p27 or Cks1.

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the change in the Skp2 ubiquitin ligase activity is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination or degradation of ~~a Skp2-specific substrate~~ p27 or Cks1.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method for screening a compound ~~compounds~~ useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising:

(a) contacting ~~adding~~ a test compound ~~to a~~ with a reaction mixture containing Skp2, Cks1, and a ~~and one or both of: (i)~~ a polypeptide ~~corresponding to~~ comprising the carboxy terminus of the human p27 chain having the sequence NAGSVEWTPKKPGLRRRQT (SEQ. ID. NO: 91) with or without a phosphothreonine at position 8 ~~and (ii) Cks1~~; and

(b) detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with Cks1 or the polypeptide, such that if a change in the interaction of Skp2 with Cks1 or the polypeptide is detected, then a compound useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders is identified.

8. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the interaction of Skp2 with Cks1 or the polypeptide is detected by detecting a change in the binding of Skp2 to either the polypeptide or Cks1.

9. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the interaction of Skp2 with Cks1 or the polypeptide is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination or degradation of the polypeptide.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

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21. (canceled)

22. (new) The method of claim 1 or 7 wherein said Cks1 is purified from an *in vitro* translation reaction or recombinant expression system.

23. (new) The method of claim 2 or 8 wherein the change in binding of Skp2 to Cks1 is detected by detecting an increase in the binding of Skp2 to Cks1.

24. (new) The method of claim 2 or 8 wherein the change in binding of Skp2 to Cks1 is detected by detecting a decrease in the binding of Skp2 to Cks1.

25. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein the change in binding of Skp2 and p27 is detected by detecting an increase in the binding of Skp2 to p27.

26. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein the change in binding of Skp2 and p27 is detected by detecting a decrease in the binding of Skp2 to p27.